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Ahmed S. Abuelyaman, Scott A. Burton, Duane D. Fansler, Babu N. Gaddam,
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declare that:

1. Each is an inventor of U.S. Patent 7,005,143.
2. Each has reviewed the specification and claims of U.S.S.N. 10/792,238.
3. U.S. Patent 7,005,143 neither teaches, discloses nor contemplates the first component oligomer described in U.S.S.N. 10/792,238 comprising:
a plurality of polymerized monomer units having pendent hydrophilic poly(alkylene oxide) groups of the formula:
$$Z-Q-(CH(R^1)-CH_2-Q)_n-R^2$$
wherein Z is a polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated moiety, R^1 is a H or a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group, R^2 is a H, a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group, aryl group, or combinations thereof and n is from 2 to 100, and Q is a divalent linking group selected from $-O-$, $-NR^1-$, $-CO_2-$ and $-CONR^1-$, and
a plurality of polymerized ethylenically-unsaturated monomer units having pendent, ethylenically unsaturated free-radically polymerizable functional groups.
4. The first component oligomer, as defined in statement 3, will not inherently form using the monomers and methods described in U.S. Patent 7,005,143.

5. Duane D. Fansler, Babu N. Gaddam and Kevin M. Lewandowski further declare they are co-inventors of U.S.S.N. 10/792,238.

The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true; and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements have been made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code; and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing thereon.

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